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Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the annex to which contains the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling also its resolutions 48/214 of 23 December 1993 and 49/142 of 23 December 1994 on the New Agenda, as well as its resolution 51/32 of 6 December 1996 on the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda,

Mindful of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-seventh[1] and thirty-eighth[2] sessions relating to its consideration of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, launched by the Secretary-General on 15 March 1996,

Recognizing that, despite some improvements in economic performance in several countries in Africa, the continent continues to face critical social and economic problems,

Noting with concern that, in the globalization process, African economies have been further marginalized in the world economy and are experiencing a major decline in net resource flows and their share of world trade,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/52/16), chap. IV.B.

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/53/16), chap. III.C.

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the New Agenda, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review,[3]

Noting with appreciation the adoption of the Tokyo Agenda for Action by the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held at Tokyo from 19 to 21 October 1998,[4] which emphasizes the principles of accelerated economic growth for poverty reduction and further integration of the continent into the global economy as well as highlighting the concepts of ownership and global partnership,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review;[3]

2. *Expresses concern* at the continuous decline of resource flows to Africa, in particular, in the level of Official Development Assistance which, among other things, has impeded timely implementation of the New Agenda;

3. *Emphasizes* the need, in the implementation of initiatives, to focus on priority areas as determined by African countries themselves, as stipulated in the Cairo Agenda for Action[5] and the New Agenda, and to organize close consultations at both the policy and the operational levels among the various development partners, in order to achieve the best results;

4. *Reiterates* the importance of effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and other follow-up mechanisms for the implementation of the New Agenda at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to establish a set of performance indicators to measure the progress made in the implementation of the New Agenda;

5. *Urges* all States, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds and programmes of the United Nations system as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take, as a matter of urgency, concrete and effective measures in order to implement fully, in a coordinated manner, the recommendations contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;[6]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his efforts to harmonize current international and bilateral initiatives on Africa, to ensure the effective and timely implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which remains the negotiated political compact between the international community and African countries and, in this regard, to ensure that the United Nations and its funds and programmes are working in a coordinated manner within the framework of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

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[3] A/53/390 and Add.1.

[4] A/53/559–S/1998/1015, annex I.

[5] See A/50/642, annex II.

[6] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 48* (A/51/48).

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, pending the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda in the year 2002, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a progress report on the implementation of Assembly resolution 51/32.